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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals**

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DECISION

MOP/171467

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed January 14, 2016, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the Public Assistance Collection Unit in regard to Medical Assistance, a hearing was held on February 23, 2016, at Madison, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether this appeal is timely.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: [REDACTED]
Public Assistance Collection Unit
PO Box 8938
Madison, WI 53708-8938

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

John P. Tedesco
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) was previously a resident of Wisconsin.
2. On 10/9/15 the agency issued a BC overpayment notice indicating an overpayment of \$502.50.
3. Petitioner filed a request for hearing on January 19, 2016.

DISCUSSION

An administrative law judge (ALJ) or hearing officer can only hear cases on the merits if there is jurisdiction to do so. There is no jurisdiction if a hearing request is untimely. An appeal of a negative action by a county agency concerning Medical Assistance (MA) must be filed within 45 days of the date of the action. Sections 49.45(5) and 49.50(8), Wis. Stats.; Income Maintenance Manual, II-G-3.4.0. A negative action can be the denial of an application, reduction, incorrect effective date of eligibility for benefits, the incorrect calculation of benefits or payments, termination of an ongoing case, or an overpayment notice. In this case, the negative action was the 10/9/15 overpayment notice.

The deadline for requesting a hearing was 11/23/15 as stated on the notice sent on 10/9/15 to petitioner. Petitioner's request for hearing was not filed before the 45-day deadline. The request for hearing was filed on January 19, 2016. Petitioner stated that he did not file the appeal in time but instead tried to contact Ms. [REDACTED] at the Department. Petitioner disregarded the clear instructions for filing an appeal that were written on the notice or did not see the instructions. I cannot claim jurisdiction.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The appeal is untimely.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The appeal is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST" **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 14th day of March, 2016

\sJohn P. Tedesco
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on March 14, 2016.

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